Dumping of Steel in India by Foreign Countries

1678. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of developed countries taking advantages of Open General Licence (OGL) are dumping steel in India;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to stop such dumping;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited has written to the Central Government requesting to take immediate necessary steps against dumping of steel plantes in India by Romania and Italy; and

(d) if so, what action has so far been taken by Government.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) Total imports of steel into the country have not shown an increasing trend so far The Designated Authority for Anti-Dumping has received only one petition alleging dumping of steel in India. This petition was received from the Steel Authority of India Limied in February'94. The petition was examined in accordance with GATT regulations and Customs Tariff Act and it was found that there was no evidence of dumping and injury.

Government has strengthened the anti-dumpnig machinery in the Ministry of Commerce. Time limits have been set for examination and disposal of anti-dumping petitions and the format of the petition has been considerably simplified.

संयुक्त उद्यम के रूप में सड़क परिवहन कम्पनी की स्थापना

1679. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

श्री रामगोपाल यादव : क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड का गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र की कतिपय मोटर-यान विनिर्माण कम्पनियों के सहयोग से संयुक्त क्षेत्र के रूप में सड़क परिवहन कम्पनी की स्थापना करने का विचार है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस दिशा में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता

Modernisation of IISCO

1680. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Mnister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to initiate modernisation of IISCO at its own initiative;

(b) whether SAIL has made any programme in this regard.

(c) by when the modernisation of IISCO is likely to begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) It has not been possible for the Government to take an investment decision for modernisation of Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited (IISCO) due to constraint of resources in Government and Steel Authority of India Limited (of which IISCO is a subsidiary).

Government, therefore, decided to allow private sector partcipation in the equity and management of IISCO for the purpose of ensuring expeditious modernisation of its Burnpur Steel Works. Government proposed to introduce a Bill for empowering Government to allow SAIL to transfer its shareholdings in IISCO to private persons for this purpose. The Bill was considered by the